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THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

By Mrs. N. K. Wood

LITTLE MISS WILFUL

I am going to introduce to my little readers of "The Children's Corner" Kathryn. She is the only child of wealthy, indulgent parents. They love this dear little girl with a worshipful devotion. Do you wonder at such devotion? See her bright, flashing eyes full of animation; her peach blossom cheeks; her golden curls that play on her brow; her little dimpled hands; her dainty feet always enclosed in such pretty footwear, and her clothes are exquisite, and she is indeed a wonderful child. She is not haughty, for she has not lived long enough to note a difference in life stations. So the children all love to play with her. She is only six years old, but she goes out a great deal. Now a big church wedding is being planned. The bride to be is Kathryn's auntie, and for a flower girl she has been chosen. Mama has made a dainty pink frock that resembles a big pink rose, and with pretty white silk hose and satin slippers she does look charming. Kathryn is so delighted she can scarcely wait a month for the wedding day. A new scene is thrown on the canvass. Little Marguerite has a birthday, and fifteen little guests are invited to a lawn party to celebrate with her this crowning event of her young life. Kathryn has a tiny little envelope enclosing an invitation to be present. The afternoon arrives; the preparation of her toilet is in progress. Now listen! What happens? She is always good and sweet if she is not crossed, but when she can't have her own way she explodes, and often a bomb is sent into the air, or, properly speaking, into the household, and when the maid brought out a pretty white dress with pink ribbons, pink hose and tiny slippers, the little Miss Wilful set herself stoutly against the selection of her clothing. She said: "I'm going to wear my pretty new party dress." In vain the maid tried to persuade her that it was her mother's orders. The more she tried the louder and wilder grew Kathryn's anger. Her mother coming in proved only a new break. She screamed and threw herself on the floor and kicked and almost had a spasm. Poor mother, she didn't know what to do, but she told the maid to put the new clothes on her and take her on to the party. She being a Christian and one who did desire the right way, went to her bedroom and in prayer asked for guidance to bring her precious child into a right path. In the meantime Kathryn had reached the grounds where the little girls were all gathered and having a game of "hide and seek." They stopped to welcome their little friend and asked her why she was so late, but no excuse was given. On they went with their merry game, and poor little over-dressed Kathryn was left to sit on her long porch and simply be a "looker-on." The fun grew wild, and forgetting her finery she plunged out in the race and made a wild rush for home. Being a swift runner she passed others, and was all most home when a cruel branch from a rose bush caught her sash, and seemed to say: "Stay little girl. You are my beautiful rose." But she could not stop until she found her dainty frills all tangled about her feet. She screamed and the good hostess came to her rescue, but her dress was done with. Her white satin slipper was burst, and she was at the end of her wits. "I'm going home!" So she goes, finding mother, and she begs for help. Somehow mother takes her calmly into her arms and soothes her to quiet. Then she shows her the result of not obeying. Later the wedding guests are gathered. Kathryn is not a flower girl. She learned her lesson and so did mother. A change came into that household and a law of love and obedience was laid down for Kathryn. Both mother and child profited by the painful explosion that caused a disappointment to more than one heart, but it paid to change tactics. Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

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TO WHERE DID NAAMAN'S LEP-ROSY GO?

The prophet whom God used as the instrument to heal the leper had a servant whose name was Gehazi. He was the constant companion of the prophet Elisha, and when the wonderful cure had been accomplished in Naaman the leper, the leper, his gratitude was so great that he offered the prophet a magnificent gift of silver and gold and fine raiment, but the prophet refused it and bade him go in peace. Gehazi witnessed the scene and coveted the offering for himself. You see he broke one of the Ten Commandments, which says: "Thou shalt not covet."

So when the royal train departed he slipped away from the house and ran after them as hard as he could go. When they saw him running the party stopped, and Naaman came down out of his chariot and met him, thinking that something had gone wrong. So he said to the servant: "Is all well?"

"Yes," said Gehazi, "all is well, but just now two young men who are sons of the prophet came and my master sends me to ask you a talent of silver and two changes of garment."

It was quickly made ready, only double the amount was given. It was loaded up on one of the servants and carried back to the prophet's house. When Gehazi had hidden his treasures he walked leisurely round into the presence of his master, who said: "Where do you come from, Gehazi?" and he answered: "I went no place."

He did not know that God had revealed his wicked act to his master, and had given a message against him. We cannot hide anything from the all-seeing eyes of God. So the prophet said: "Did not my heart go with thee when the man turned and went to meet thee? Is this a time to receive silver and gold and fine raiment? This shall be your punishment. The leprosy that was on Naaman shall cleave to thee and thy seed forever."

Gehazi went out a leper. Children, did you ever stop to think what a dreadful sin it is to tell a lie? Why they cannot enter the gate of the Holy City, for the Word says nothing that defileth or maketh a lie shall enter therein.

"THE WAY OF THE TRANS- GRESSOR IS HARD"

From a child I have had a horrible fear of a drunken man. There is a feeling akin to what I imagine one must have were he exposed to a wild beast without means of escape.

When a child there was a poor man who lived on the east side of Clinch river. On the west side was the town of Clinton. The river was the boundary line between town and country. My father's house was in town, near the banks of the river, and when this old man came to town to buy provisions he invariably made a visit to the saloon, and if not too drunk he would cross the river before dark and go home.

When I saw him coming from town and would fly into the house until he passed. One night he was so drunk he did not leave town until towards morning. The ferryman would not put him over the river, so he straggled into our yard and laid himself down on our front porch. After we were up and had breakfast ready father took him round to the kitchen, fed him and then started him home. I was so afraid of him I didn't get far from mother until he was out of sight.

In a few days he came again for food for his family, as he had spent all for drink on his other trip; so he crossed the river before dark, and as he did not get home his people supposed he was in town drunk, as usual. After the day was passing toward noon they sent out to search for him, and they found him near home lying in a deep cut in the road. He had missed his way and had stepped off of a high embankment where a railroad was being built, and his neck was broken. The storm had beaten on him all night, poor man!

He was once the pride of fond parents and the brother of a fine Baptist minister, but he was influenced by bad company and gradually led to drink. The little farm was all that was left of what once the prospect of thrift and comfort, and the patient, heart-broken wife was left with her little family to struggle on in poverty and hardships, with the bitter memory of a drunkard's home.

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**TO THE STOCKHOLDERS
NARBONNE RANCH WATER COMPANY NO. 5**

November 25, 1921.
At the last meeting of the Board of Directors a motion was passed providing means whereby every Stockholder, whether able to attend the annual meeting or not, might cast his vote for the Directors of his choice.

For the past six years a sufficient number of shares has not been represented at the annual meeting to permit of holding a legal election according to our bylaws. Therefore, the old Board automatically were required to serve. Vacancies have from time to time been appointed by the remaining Directors.

The accompanying Ballot must be marked, sealed in its voting envelope and mailed or presented to the Secretary, so as to be in his possession before 7 p. m. of January 8th, 1922.

SAMPLE BALLOT
JANUARY, 1922
FOR THE ELECTION OF FIVE DIRECTORS FOR THE NARBONNE RANCH WATER COMPANY NO. 5

The following is a complete list of Stockholders, together with their last known address as shown by the books of the Company on November 1, 1921.

VOTE FOR FIVE DIRECTORS

NOTE—The five Stockholders receiving the highest number of votes will be elected Directors for the ensuing year. In the event that one or more of those elected will not serve, the next highest in receipt of votes will be considered elected.

To vote for a Director mark a Cross in the circle in front of the party's name:

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- Paul Anderson & C. A. Thirup, San Pedro, Cal.
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I hereby appoint _____ as my proxy, with power to act for me and in my stead, the same as if I were present in person, to vote _____ shares of stock vested in me in the Narbonne Ranch Water Company Number Five, at Lomita, Los Angeles County, California, at the Annual Meeting on January 15, 1922, at 1:00 o'clock P. M., at the Company's Office.
(Signed)